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Takashi KOKUBO et al.)
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For: COMMUNICATION DEVICE AND)
COMMUNICATION METHOD)

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The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 7-123115

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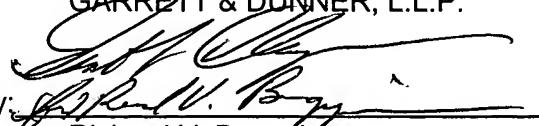
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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